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RE: Intex Corporate Office and Fulfillment
Center
SCH # 2023040345
Vic. LA-710/PM 9.77, LA-405/PM 8.09
GTS # LA-2023-04212-NOP

Dear Scott Kinsey:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced NOP. The proposed project includes the construction of a new 60-foot-tall, 517,437 square foot combination warehouse and distribution center with accessory offices. Goods would be imported via the nearby Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, sorted, and stored on-site, and then distributed nationally from the project site. The project site would be developed with 542 parking stalls and 174 loading/trailer parking spaces, all in an open surface parking field. Access to the project site would be via two driveways located along Via Oro Avenue or one driveway located on Carson Street. The proposed project would include the requested street vacation of Via Alcalde Avenue, located on the eastern boundary of the project site. This right-of-way, once vacated, would become part of the site to be used for vehicle and truck parking and for on-site truck turning and maneuvering.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

Caltrans is aware of the challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, this development should incorporate multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing. Overall, the environmental report should ensure all modes are served well by planning and development activities. This includes reducing single occupancy vehicle trips, ensuring safety, reducing vehicle miles traveled, supporting accessibility, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements. For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8). This reference is available online at:

<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

Also, Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and the Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared in On December 18, 2020. You can review the SB 743 Implementation Resource at the following link:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/sustainability/sb-743/sb743-resources>

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Potential environmental effects of the Project should include the Transportation section with VMT analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. To address all future development traffic safety concerns, for the City's consideration, Caltrans recommends the Lead Agency to include queuing analysis with actual signal timing for existing traffic conditions plus project trips at the impacted off-ramps on Freeway 415 and Freeway 710 on the State facilities.

Caltrans encourages lead agencies to prepare traffic safety impact analysis for this development in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process using Caltrans guidelines above on the State facilities so that, through partnerships and collaboration, California can reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2023-04212AL-NOP.

Sincerely,



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